

Ponderosa Community Newsletter

November 2017

(Picture Left) Residents recently engaged in a design workshop with Trestle and the City to identify their housing values, cost needs, and ideas of resiliency for the future.

COMMUNITY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 4th Ponderosa Resilience Workshop

The city will host experts for an all-day (8:30AM to 6:00PM) workshop to gather ideas to make Ponderosa a more resilient, sustainable and affordable community. Activities begin at Ponderosa with a resident-led tour, then move to the **Boulder Jewish Community Center (6007 Oregon Ave)**. For more information, see page 4, Update from the City.

New Bulletin Board at Greg's Office

We have a brand new bulletin board outside of Greg's office where you can find updates on the Ponderosa redevelopment project from the City and Trestle, updates from the RLC, and community announcements.

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UPDATE FROM GREG

Management hopes you are as excited as we are about the future direction of Ponderosa. We were pleasantly surprised by just how good the financial deal seems for Ponderosa residents. It also appears that residents have many nice future housing choices including the option to keep your mobile home. Please fill out and turn in the **required** lease addendum and emergency contact forms. Xcel permission forms along with VIN # and Title # on lease addendum are **not required**, but we appreciate them. We may implement a fine if the required forms are not turned in by the end of the month. If you lost the forms, please stop by the office and I will print out some new ones for you. There is a used, but working electric dryer for free at manager's office. The first person to show up gets it. It's important that you have a clean title to your mobile home. If you are uncertain, please stop by my office and I will show you how to check. If there is an issue, we have a team of lawyers who will help you resolve issues for **free**. We have their business cards at the office or you can contact Deborah Cantrell at deborah.cantrell@colorado.edu or 303-492-5289. 'Wild at Heart' (Maya) is trapping and spaying/neutering cats. We appreciate you helping her however you can. Please remember that I need a picture or video of parking violations, noise disturbances, speeding, or any other bad behavior before I can do anything about it. We would very much appreciate (and possibly reward) any information about who might be removing pages from the bulletin boards.

UPDATE FROM RLC

The RLC met on November 6 at Ponderosa. Present were Cesar Lopez, Charissa Poteet, Ed Zick, Karen Campbell, Victor Lemos, Kathy Schlereth and Masyn Moyer.

Present from Trestle were Danica and Anne.

Also present was Deborah Cantrell from CU's Law Department (see full information below) with two law students Emily and Will who introduced themselves and discussed their willingness and ability to help any resident from Ponderosa with any title issues they may have. More information will follow.

RLC members provided feedback to Trestle regarding both workshops and any responses they received from community members. They moved to remove Maribel Gonzalez as an alternative to the board due to non participation and will seek to fill the position with the next community member with the most votes. Trestle will notify the committee and candidate. To enable a better flow of communication the park has installed a new bulletin board and started a monthly newsletter in addition to the current comment box in front of Charissa's house. The RLC has been asked to participate in an upcoming Ponderosa Resilience Workshop event on Monday, December 4, 2017 hosted by the City of Boulder. Designers from all over the country, including professionals from Rebuild by Design in New York, will be flying to Boulder to volunteer their time. The next RLC meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 11 from 5:00-6:30pm.

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UPDATE FROM TRESTLE



Trestle and the City recently held two design workshops with Ponderosa residents to understand the residents’ visions/values, hopes, and concerns for the future of Ponderosa, while assessing the current household financial constraints, sustainability needs, and understanding of what resilience looks like in the community. The following is a summary of the topics discussed and outcomes of each workshop.

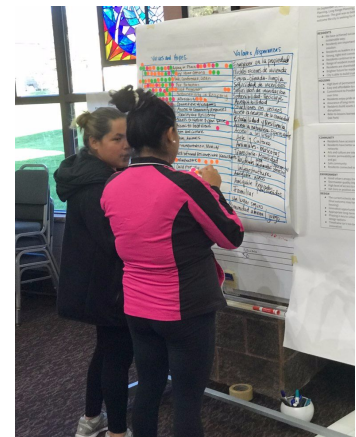
Workshop #1 | *Saturday, October 14* | 9:00AM-1:00PM | *Shining Mountain Waldorf School Auditorium*

- Topics discussed:
 - Values and hopes for the future of Ponderosa
 - Concerns and fears for the future of Ponderosa
 - What does resilience look like in Ponderosa?
 - Community design amenities valued by the residents
 - Household demographics and relevant financial information to determine financial constraints
 - Housing considerations and immediate need for home repairs

Workshop #2 | *Saturday, November 4* | 9:00AM-12:00PM | *Shining Mountain Waldorf High School*

- Topics discussed:
 - Summary of outcomes of Workshop #1
 - Update from City on Resilience Workshop on December 4 (see page 5)
 - Housing typologies and associated costs
 - Restabilization project timeline and logistical questions
 - Residents received a ‘Resident Guidebook’ with answers to common FAQs and project timeline details

A binder with full workshop materials, content, and presentations from the workshops can be found in Greg’s office or can be digitally requested from danica@trestlestrategy.com.



UPDATE FROM CITY

Next Up: Ponderosa Resilience Workshop, Monday, December 4th

On Monday, December 4th, local, state, national and international experts and innovators will spend an entire day together envisioning a more resilient, sustainable and affordable Ponderosa. The expertise they bring includes: affordable housing, collective land ownership, resilience, resident self-governance, environmental risk, solar energy, energy-efficient home design, sustainability, engineering, housing construction, landscape design, architecture, neighborhood design, emergency financial assistance, social services, homeownership, social networks, education and more. The city is gathering these expert to “imagine the possible” such as:

- How can we make housing at Ponderosa deeply affordable? What resources exist to make it happen?
- What are the different ways the Ponderosa community can collectively own the land? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- What are some creative ways to manage stormwater?
- What are the different approaches to build small, energy-efficient homes?
- In what ways is the Ponderosa community already strong and resilient? What resources would make Ponderosa’s households and the entire community stronger?

Workshop participants will begin their day at 8:30AM at Ponderosa. Many are unfamiliar with Ponderosa and will have the opportunity to hear from residents about what you value, who you are and what you want as well as to see Ponderosa. Mid-morning, the workshop will move to the nearby common house at **Boulder Jewish Community Center (6007 Oreg Ave)** where the city and Trestle will share out the activities that have happened so far and what we know about the site. In the afternoon, experts and innovators, including one or two residents per conversation will break into groups to discuss:

- Options for the Ponderosa community to own the land collectively and housing affordability;
- Technical and innovative infrastructure and housing feasibility; and
- Social assets and challenges of the Ponderosa community.

These conversations will help the city to better understand how to approach these issues; however no decisions about Ponderosa’s future will be made in the workshop. The RLC and the city will share back to the broader community about the workshop and what is learned.